



LTC James S. Boelens *Deputy Command Chaplain*



Chaplain (LTC) James S. Boelens was born in Eastern Kentucky in 1954. The son of a Presbyterian clergyman, he lived in numerous locations prior to attending college. Chaplain Boelens graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, in 1976 with a BA in journalism and a ROTC commission. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling. Graduating in 1979, he was ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Following civilian pastorates in Omaha, Nebraska, and Austin, Texas, Chaplain Boelens entered the active duty chaplaincy in 1987. His assignments include service as a battalion chaplain with 5-62 ADA (V/S) at Fort Bliss, Texas, and with the 191st Ordnance Battalion at Miesau, Germany. His assignments as a group/brigade chaplain include service with the 60th Ordnance Group at Kreuzberg Kaserne, Germany, and with the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Chaplain Boelens also served as deputy division chaplain with the 2nd Armored Division and the 4th Infantry Division. During this assignment, he was designated the chaplaincy's Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the Task Force XXI Army Warfighting Experiment (AWE). Chaplain Boelens presently serves as Director of Acquisitions, Logistics, and Materiel Development in the Command Chaplain's Office at the U. S. Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Virginia. Chaplain Boelens military education includes the Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and Command and General Staff College. He completed Contract Fundamentals, Contract Pricing, Government Contract Law, Intermediate Systems Acquisitions and the Army Force Management School. His awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon, and a parachutist's badge. Chaplain Boelens is married to Ann W. Boelens. They have a son, David (16), and a daughter, Jamie (14). The Boelens family resides in Springfield, Virginia.

